



# Climate Explorations & Climate Collaborative: Bringing Cutting-Edge Science and Hands-On Investigations to Your Neighborhood and Building Collective Action on Climate Change Education



## Purpose

Climate Explorations brought OSU researchers, extension agents, and outreach staff into neighborhoods throughout Central Ohio to interact with youth through hands-on activities, and with adults through public presentations. Partnerships with local organizations provide project sites and ensure diverse audiences.

The project streamed webinars that are currently available online and field-tested activities to be included in a youth booklet. A Climate Collaborative will be started to coordinate climate change education initiatives in Central Ohio.

## Impact

Public lectures in venues throughout Central Ohio, that were also streamed live and made available online, for scientists to share their research and personal stories with individuals of all ages.

A booklet of climate change instructional materials that can be used in both formal and informal education environments with youth, and interactive experiences with scientists for field-testing of these materials.

A venue for climate change education partners across the region to share best practices, target their resources, and collectively monitor progress.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

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Ohio Sea Grant & Stone Laboratory

Department of Astronomy

The STEAM Factory

Center for Applied Plant Sciences  
(CAPS)

Center for Automotive Research  
(CAR)

## Community Partners Involved

Grange Insurance Audubon Center

Franklin Park Conservatory and

Botanical Gardens

Battelle Darby Metro Park

Blacklick Woods Metro Park

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium

WCBE

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